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## U. S. EMBASSY STATEMENT ON THE DECISION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL

On January 27, 2012 Senegal's Constitutional Council announced the list of legally qualified candidates for the presidential election.

The Embassy of the United States calls on all Senegalese to respect the Constitutional Council's decision. The United States has closely followed the political debate surrounding this issue in recent months. Senegal has long been a valued model of stability in the region, and its democratic traditions have been among the strongest in Africa.

The Embassy encourages all political parties and Senegalese citizens to participate peacefully in the political process and to ensure that the upcoming Presidential election is free, fair, transparent, and reflects the will of the people.